

What We've Accomplished Together



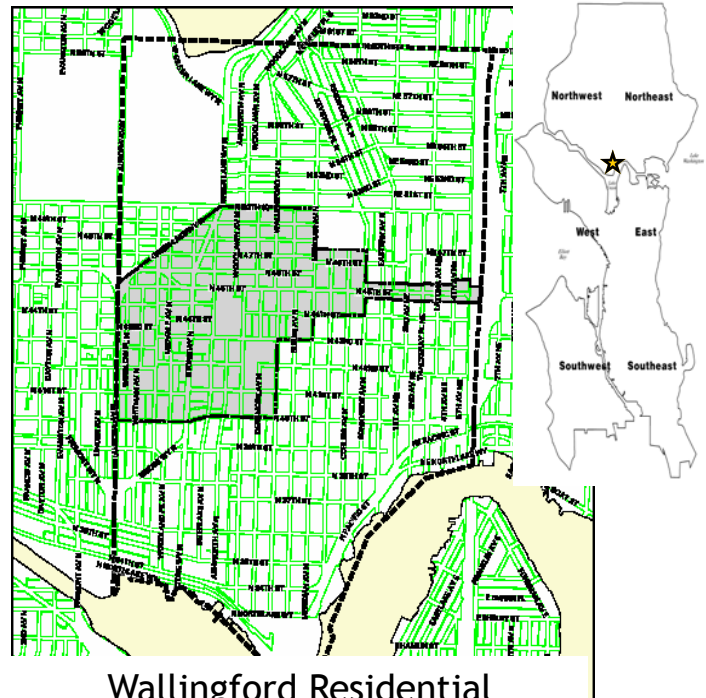
Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor
Yvonne Sanchez, Dir., Dept. of Neighborhoods

Neighborhood: Wallingford

Plan Adopted: 1998

Key Elements:

1. Adopt plan amendments for South Wallingford Plan
2. Gas Works Improvements
3. Transportation Corridor Plans and Improvements



Wallingford Residential
Urban Village
Northwest Sector

What happened in 2002

- **South Wallingford Neighborhood Plan Amendment** - In late 2001, the Wallingford Community Council received a Neighborhood Matching Fund award to develop a strategy for guiding future private and public development. The South Wallingford planning committee held several community meetings to identify issues and options, evaluate alternatives, and develop recommendations. The community reviewed the initial recommendations in late 2002.
- **Wallingford Steps** - The Wallingford Steps were substantially completed in 2002, with significant financial support from private development and Pro Parks funding of over \$400,000. The constructed improvements include concrete staircases, ramps, concrete planters with irrigation, and lighting. The Wallingford Steps are a key element of the neighborhood plan and will provide a major pedestrian connection between Wallingford, the Burke-Gilman Trail, and Gas Works Park.
- **Gas Works Park Improvements** - Seattle Parks and Recreation launched this \$979,450 project at the end of 2002, with a public planning meeting. The project includes improvements that especially emphasize the undeveloped northwest portion of the park in conjunction with creating a connection to the Wallingford Steps.
- **Wallingford Playground** - Friends of Wallingford Playfield produced a master plan and made improvements at Wallingford Playground throughout 2002 with the help of Neighborhood Matching Funds and Pro Park funding. For more information, visit: <http://www.cityofseattle.net/parks/proparks/projects/wallingfordsteps.html>
- **45th Street Amenities** - A grant from the Office of Economic Development provided benches and trashcans along the 45th street corridor. The unit cost for the cans was reduced by partnering with Seattle Public Utilities to combine orders for a volume discount.
- **Meridian Park** - While not officially in the Neighborhood Plan, the Meridian Playground Project was able to take advantage of the infrastructure created by the plan and the services of Weaving Wallingford to complete this wonderful project. Grassroots neighborhood volunteers and private grants pro-

vided the necessary resources.

What's Underway In 2003

- **South Wallingford Neighborhood Plan Amendment** - City comments on the plan recommendations were compiled and presented to City Council in May 2003. The plan is scheduled to be adopted with the next round of comprehensive plan amendments.
- **Gas Works Park** - The Parks Department has presented a draft plan based on community input, Design and Landmarks Commission reviews, and technical review by Parks staff. Construction is scheduled for 2004. For more information, visit: <http://www.cityofseattle.net/parks/proparks/projects/gasWorksPark.htm>
- **Wallingford Playground** - Wallingford Playground opened for business again in March 2003 to rave reviews. For more information, see <http://www.cityofseattle.net/parks/proparks/projects/wallingfordplayfield.htm>
- **Business District Assessment** - An Office of Economic Development grant will be used to assess the retail business district and develop long range strategies tied to the neighborhood plan. Strengthening the Wallingford Chamber of Commerce is an associated goal.
- **Ride Reduction** - SDOT is working with Wallingford business to explore options to the car. A new "Wallingford Way" map and two kiosks from the Department of Neighborhoods to display these non-car routes.
- **WEaving Wallingford** - This community-building organization, established by the plan via EIF funding, is continuing to grow engaging neighborhood events. Watch the community Calendar for dates!

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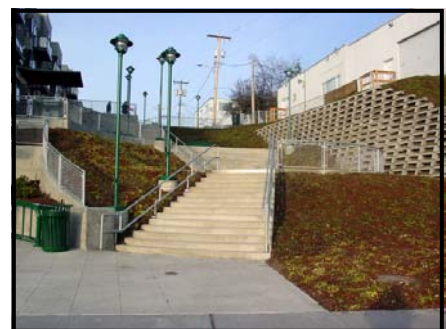
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Wallingford Steps Project

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